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An advisory committee comprising of Range Forest Officer, State Medicinal Plant Board representative, Ayurvedic Drug Manufacturer Association and Academicians were constituted so as to ensure government participation. Visits to forested areas were made along with local forest officials. Following criteria such as IUCN threat status, harvesting practice, trade potential, endemism status were considered to prioritise species for conservation and promotion. Species like *Dysoxylum binectariferum*, *Rubia cordifolia*, *Embelia ribes* are some of the threatened species with poor regeneration capacity. Raising seedlings from the plants with the poor germination capacity is the most vital part of the nursery techniques. Studies have been initiated to standardize the nursery techniques.

